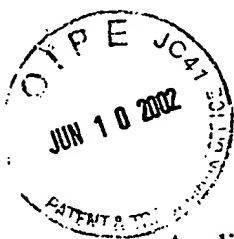


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For: METHOD OF TREATING HEPATITIS DELTA VIRUS INFECTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231**AMENDMENTS AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

In reply to an Office Action mailed on April 2, 2002, please consider the following amendments and remarks. Applicants enclose a Petition for a One Month Extension of Time, a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement PTO Form 1449 along with the cited references and a marked up version of the claim amendments. If the Commissioner ascertains that an additional fee is due, he is hereby authorized to charge any additional requisite fees to Deposit Account 11-0980.

AMENDMENTS**In the Claims**

Please cancel claims 1 and 3-21.

Please amend the following claims:

a' 2. (amended) A method for the treatment of hepatitis delta infection comprising administering to a host an effective amount of a β -L nucleoside of the formula